

To the KING, The Humble Address of John Pennyman.

The BLESSING and PEACE of GOD,

Which passeth all Understanding,  
Be with the KING for evermore.

THE Way for the KING to obtain it, is, not only to watch against the Evil of His own Heart, but to be a *Dread* and *Terror* to all Evil-doers with whom He is concern'd, both at Home and Abroad ; and let the KING be so known to be a hater of all Wickedness, that no Debauched or Vile Person shall dare to ask any Place or Favour at his Hands ; assuring themselves, that none but Lovers of Sobriety, Virtue, and Goodness, shall be well accepted of Him : So shall the KING render to the most High GOD, according to the great Benefits He hath received, and the Nation shall have cause to Bless and Praise the LORD that ever He came to be KING over them.

The Prayers of the Honest-hearted are truly for the KING, that a Good and Right Spirit may guide Him in all His Ways, that He may have Victory over all His Enemies both within and without, and that the Wisdom of *Solomon* may be given to Him ; So shall Truth and Righteousness flourish in his Days. And inasmuch as the KING hath shewed Mercy to the worst of his Enemies, (and not followed the Example of those before Him, who with such horrible Cruelty took away the Lives of so many Men, and also Women) therefore shall Mercy be shewed to Him for evermore.

And as there was a Heart set to pray for His safe Return from *Ireland* hither again ; even so there is this *Thanksgiving-Day*, a rendering Praises to the LORD, for the KING's great and wonderful Deliverance from thence ; believing that his outward Life, inward Virtue, and Zeal for Righteousness, shall be the Means of these Nations Preservation, if they turn from the Evil of their Ways.

Oh ! that the KING and QUEEN would set their Hearts, both by Words and Example, to bring down the Pride of this People ; it abounds to the Grief of the Sober-minded, and will bring Destruction, if not prevented by Repentance and Amendment : Therefore in all humility, my humble Request to the KING and QUEEN, is, That Virtue, where-ever it is seen, may be encouraged ; and all Vice disliked and detected : So shall They be truly Honourable, and prosper in all Their Undertakings. Which is earnestly desired by one that is a true Lover of Them, and of all that seek the Advancement of that Kingdom which never fades away.

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